

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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25 Reported Decisions In May Through Sword Literature

VIOLA WALDEN, Office Mgr.

Again we rejoice in God's blessings on us in May. We keep a very accurate account daily of those who are reported to us as saved and in adding them up, we find the following:

Nineteen were saved after reading the booklet, *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* two after reading the book on *Heaven*, and four letters told of conversions through sermons in this paper; "Facing the Pierced Jesus," "What Is a Soul Worth?" and "Salvation for Sinners." Another did not say which article led to his conversion, but said it was through the paper that he found Christ.

We share with you some of the good mail.

From Jamestown, Tennessee, one sentence out of a letter says, "There has been one soldier boy saved by reading it (the little booklet, *What Must I Do To Be Saved?*) and I don't know how many more."

Another Christian friend writes, "A few weeks ago a girl who used to live here, but is now in California, wrote me expressing a desire to be a Christian. I wrote back and sent her a copy of your *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* A few days ago I received from her the decision slip signed by her. I am happy, and want her now to receive *The Sword of the Lord*."

A soldier writes from Waco, Texas:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Since reading your booklet on *Heaven*, I have confessed to Christ that I am a sinner and have trusted Him to save me and I expect to meet you in Heaven."

(Signed) Your brother in Christ, Au/c Darwin D. Heacock

"Since reading your booklet I have made the above pledge but my interest in Christ runs much deeper than that. My interest runs to the point of becoming one of God's many helpers and teachers. Since reading your articles, I have been wondering if you weren't the person to maybe help me out to get a truer understanding of Him."

From Pine Level, N. C., a Christian worker writes:

Greetings My Dear Bro. Rice:

I got the books and papers some time ago, and have given them out to people I am sure need them, so I hate to ask for more. But I want to tell you there is a man and his wife that live not far from me that fuss all the time — I mean up till I

gave them one of your little books on *What Must I Do To Be Saved* — and what do you, Bro. Rice, think happened on that night? Well, his wife told me that her husband had not been to a church in 6 years, so that night he went to bed and the Lord showed him what was coming to him soon. So he got up the next day and went to a church and gave his heart to Christ. I can send you his name if you want it, as I know he doesn't mind it now. And I work in a cotton mill where there are about 300 or more people working, and a woman told me about an old woman there drinking beer. So I went to her and gave her one of your little books, and what do you think. Well, I have been told since that she quit her work and sat down and did not get up till she had read every word in the book, and her boy says he knows she is on the way of being saved. So let's pray for these two people.

And if you can won't you send me as much as 500 more of these God-sent good little books. I can use more, but I can't ask for more. I know they are doing good down here. I went to church with some of them, so I asked the pastor to let me give some out in his church, and he took some of them and looked over them, and then he got up and told the people to be sure and get one of the books as they went out as that was what they all needed. So send me all the papers and books you can — by God's help I will try my best to give them to the ones I think need them, as I live just 16 miles from an army camp on the mail line where they come in and go out. I can use all I can get."

(signed) Millard P. Eason

We do not count those mentioned in the above letter in our number reported saved but wanted to share this good word with you).

A friend in Murdock, Minnesota, writes:

"Dear John R. Rice: "Please send *The Sword of the Lord* paper for one year at \$1. Also find enclosed \$1 as a contribution to your cause for Christ. I have been inspired so much by your articles given to me by a friend in Christ. I have accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and am now preparing to fight the good fight of faith for Christ. Thanking you very kindly.

"Beloved in Christ,"

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MR. JACOB R. FRIESEN, THE FATHER OF THESE EIGHT CHRISTIAN BOYS, SAVED THROUGH "THE SWORD OF THE LORD"



Mr. Friesen writes, "These are all Christian boys that were praying for me as their father." (See article, "25 Reported Decisions in May Through Sword Literature.")

"I BELIEVE GOD"

EVANGELIST JOE HENRY HANKINS, D. D.
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(Sermon preached September 20, 1943, at Wheaton College revival, Wheaton, Illinois, and stenographically reported for *The Sword of the Lord*.)

Our Scripture is taken from the twenty-seventh chapter of the book of Acts, taking the account given there of Paul's shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea. The storm in the account given here lasted fourteen days and nights and grew more severe day by day. At first they threw overboard the cargo of the ship, hoping thereby to lighten the ship and make less perilous their voyage. Then the storm became so intense that they undergirded the ship and tried to hold it together and finally we have these words:

"And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away."

"But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them and said, 'Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.'"

"And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship."

"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."

"Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:20-25.

I call your attention to the statement in the last verse. I change the wording of it a bit, but not the meaning. "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be exactly as God has said."

I wonder many times, how many of us who claim to believe the Bible as the Word of God really and truly believe it. I wonder how many of us give a mere mental assent to it rather than believe it with our hearts and souls. There is a great deal of difference between mental assent and really believing a thing. I am persuaded that many of us give mental assent to many things in the Bible because we have been taught from childhood that it is the Word of God, but deep in our hearts we do not really believe them and accept them as the very Word of God.

I thank God that after going through many battles and conflicts in my own soul, I have come to the place where I can say that I believe the Bible with all my heart as the very Word of God. I believe that God meant everything He said in it and I believe that God will do exactly as He says.

I believe the Bible as William Jennings Bryan said he believed it. You remember the Scopes trial at Dayton, Tennessee, when he was called to prosecute the case. During the course of the trial, Clarence Darrow, brilliant infidel lawyer of Chicago, put Mr. Bryan on the witness stand and began firing questions at him about his belief in the Bible, intending to try to confuse him and make him ridiculous before that crowded court room because of his simple faith in the Word of God. During the course of questioning, this infidel lawyer, thinking that he would catch Mr. Bryan off guard, said,

"Tell me, do you believe everything in the Bible?"

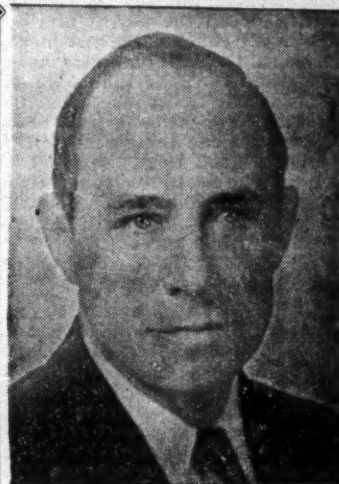
"I do, sir, without any question," Mr. Bryan replied.

"Do you mean to tell me you believe Jonah swallowed the whale?"

Mr. Bryan said, "No, sir, I do not; for the Bible does not say Jonah swallowed the whale, but that the whale swallowed Jonah, and I believe that. But sir, I want you to

understand that if the Bible had said that Jonah swallowed the whale, I would believe it."

I believe the Bible just like that and also that God meant every word in it. I think like the little teen-age negro girl they tell a story about down south. She was a wonderful Christian girl. Her church had called a man out of one of the modernistic seminaries. He would read the Word of God and



Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

say, "Now the Bible does not mean what it says here." He read the story of the rich man and Lazarus and said, "Now the Lord did not mean that there was any real fire in Hell. The Lord did not mean that this man was actually thirsty, nor that his tongue was being parched in flame, or that he was calling for a literal drop of water." Then he gave the modernistic interpretation. The little girl had all she could stand. The Word of God was precious to her heart. After the service she went to the pastor and said,

"Pastor, might I ask you just one question? I know you are an educated man and I am not an educated girl, but pastor, I want to ask you one question if I may."

"Why, surely you may," he replied.

"I want to ask you this question: You keep saying when you

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GO AND TELL OTHERS

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It is eventide. The last lingering ray of the setting sun has sunk below the horizon. The suffocating heat of the day has been replaced by the cooler air of the approaching night. The long, dark shadows cast by the city walls have disappeared. Twilight covers all.

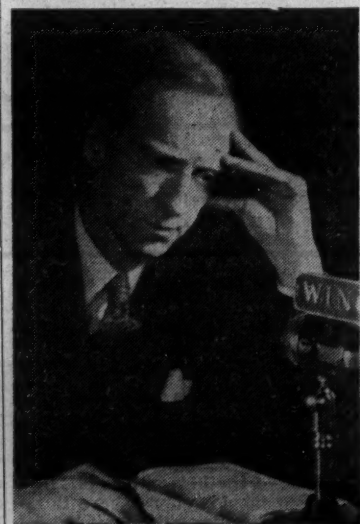
Ever and anon from somewhere within the walls comes a faint

plaintive cry. It is probably the cry of a child, caused by the pangs of hunger, for Samaria is undergoing a siege. The Syrians have laid waste the country, and surrounded the city. Days have passed, food has grown scarce, and relief seems farther off than at the beginning.

Upon this particular evening four lepers might have been seated on the ground just outside the wall. So weak are they that they can scarcely move. The last scrap of food has been eaten. They have reached their extremity, for when the morrow dawns, it will mean certain death. What are they to do? If they enter the city it will avail them nothing, for food can no longer be had. To remain where they are will mean starvation. Death if they go! Death if they stay! What is to be done? Is there no alternative? Ah, yes! they can give themselves up to the Syrians. True, they may be killed. But then again they may not. It is only a chance in a hundred, but life is dear even to lepers, and they decide to take the chance.

Dragging themselves wearily across the open space as the twilight deepens, they finally reach the outskirts of the camp. All is still and quiet. Not a footstep is heard. What can it mean? Cautiously they make their way from

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read the Word of God that it does not mean what it says. Now, if the Lord did not mean what He says in the Bible, why didn't He say what He meant?"

How easy it would have been for the Lord to have said what He meant if He did not mean what He said!

Not only has the Lord said what He meant, but He meant what He said. God said, "When the word has gone out of my mouth, I will perform the doing of it." Jesus said, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." God will not fail in a single word. In this Book there are many thousand precious promises; and as Joshua said when he gathered Israel together for his farewell address, "Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." Joshua 23:14.

Yes, God means what He says, and you can count on God doing what He says. He will never let you down. The best friend in the world may fail you. If you have gone through that experience, you know that it is a bitter experience. When the best friend on earth fails you, when people whom you would trust your life with fail you, it is a bitter experience. But, I can tell you one thing from experience: God will never let you down.

There never has been in the history of humanity a greater time to be a Christian than today. With all the uncertainty of human life, with all the restlessness, with the very foundations literally crumbling from under our lives; with all the perplexity and uncertainty with which men face the future and with "men's hearts failing them for fear, for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth," it is a great source of comfort to believe the Bible. Thank God, when I pick up the Book of God, I know that it is true; and I believe with all my heart that God tells me just exactly what to expect. God tells us that underneath it all, and in it all, and through it all, there is an eternal purpose of God that cannot be defeated. In spite of all that wicked men may do; in spite of all that Hitler and Hirohito and all the rest of the dictators of the world may do; in spite of all that men might try to do to try to rule God out of their lives, God is moving toward a glorious consummation with a purpose that cannot be defeated. One day men will "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they will learn war no more." One day "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

What a difference real faith in God make in a person! Look at Paul in the midst of this storm, when the rest of the crowd gave up hope. When all hope was taken away that they should be saved, one man stood in that panic-stricken crowd like the Rock of Gibraltar. The rest gave up in despair and sat down to await the inevitable end. But in the midst of the storm there stands one man, unafraid, and as calm as a baby in a mother's arms. Hear him as he encourages that hopeless crowd! "Be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel

of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar, and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." (Not one man shall be lost even though the ship go to pieces). "Wherefore sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

I. I BELIEVE ALL MEN WITHOUT CHRIST ARE LOST

I believe God means exactly what He says in this Book when He tells us that all people without Jesus Christ are lost. That is a hard thing to get even Christian people to believe. O, we believe that the down and outs, the drunkards, the immoral people, the hijackers, the liars, the thieves; that crowd that wallows in sin, the scum of the earth, in the gutters, in the places of sin and shame—we believe that they are lost. But these fine, clean, upright, lovable wonderful, moral men, women, and young people without the Lord—most of us do not believe that they are lost. But the Word of God says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). I tell you, if we Christians really believed that, everyone would be a soul winner. If we really believed that every person in this world who is old enough to know right from wrong, who has not been born of the Spirit of God, is a lost soul; that he does not have a chance, not a chance on earth of ever seeing the kingdom of God without the new birth; that all are lost—if we could get Christian people really to believe that, we would have solved the greatest problem that confronts the church today. We would have more soul winners than we have ever dreamed of if people really believed the Word of God, that the whole world is lost, that the best, finest, cleanest, most wonderful people on earth must have Jesus Christ or go to Hell.

II. I BELIEVE GOD TELLS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DOOM OF SINNERS

I believe that God means exactly what He says when He tells us where the lost soul will go that passes out of this life without the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. I tell you, in God's Word you will find the blackest picture you have ever read in your life; the darkest picture ever painted in human language—that picture the Lord gives in this Book of the doom that awaits the soul at the end of life's journey who dies without the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

Listen to these words: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 23:41). Listen again:

"Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 22:13.

Hear Jesus again: "The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." (Luke 16:22-24). Do you believe that?

Listen to God's Word: "The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 13:49, 50.)

Listen again: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15).

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever." (Rev. 14:11).

"I tell you that, if half of what the Bible says about the doom that awaits a soul who dies without Christ—if only half of that were true, if but the half of what that signifies were true, then it is an awful thing to be lost! Think of it!—a soul lost forever in outer darkness, in the bottomless pit, in a Christless world where there is no God and no hope; a soul hurled by the wrath of God, out yonder somewhere, beyond creation's

boundaries, doomed to wander throughout all eternity, in outer darkness where no ray of light shall ever pencil an image on the walls of hell; where no friendly hand will ever touch that tired, suffering tormented soul; where no friendly voice will ever be heard; where the only sounds that shall greet those weary ears throughout all eternity will be the mocking and jeering of demons, the groans of the dying and the wailing and gnashing of teeth of the damned. O, think of a soul lost and doomed to wander through all eternity in infinite, bottomless, boundless darkness; blighted by the curse of God; sinking down, down, down, forever! I tell you again, if but the half of what the Bible says about the doom of a soul that dies without God were true, it is a terrible thing to be lost!

III. I BELIEVE GOD WILL REQUIRE THEIR BLOOD AT OUR HANDS

Did God mean it when He said, "When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand?" If He did, those are some of the most solemn words a child of God ever faced. Yes, God meant it; but very few of us have ever taken God seriously in the matter of our responsibility to others. Ever since the days of Cain man has tried to dodge this responsibility and is still asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Nothing is taught more clearly in the Word of God than that we are our brother's keeper? Nothing is taught more clearly in the Word of God than that we are our brother's keeper and that we are going to have to account to God for this responsibility and for our influence upon others.

This is what Paul meant when he said, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. . . . For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." (Rom. 14:7, 10). The teaching of this entire chapter deals with our responsibility to others and our influence on them. He brings the discussion to a close by saying, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

How can people who say they believe this pass by the unsaved day by day and never make an effort to win them to Christ? How can they go month in and month out and not even pray for unsaved souls? But, not only do multitudes of professing Christians never attempt to win a soul to Christ, they even live in such a way as to become stumbling blocks over which the lost stumble into hell. Yet these same people claim to believe the Bible. "Their blood will I require at thine hands."

This Scripture haunts me. It has driven me like a slave all my ministry. It has sent me out at nights when I should have been at home with my family. During the seventeen years I was a pastor it drove me to preach somewhere almost every night—in school houses, in country churches, under brush arbors, on the street corners, in jails, and everywhere I could find unsaved people who would listen. Now, it has caused me to all but give up my home and go from one end of the country to the other preaching the gospel, because "I believe God!" and I believe He means exactly what He says.

IV. I BELIEVE GOD WHEN HE TELLS US IN HIS WORD HOW HIS PEOPLE OUGHT TO LIVE

Did God mean it when He said, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing." Did God mean it when He said, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them?" (Eph. 5:11).

Did God mean it when He said, "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world?" (Titus 2:11, 12.)

Again I ask, Did God mean these words, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God?" (James 4:4).

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(Signed) Robert M. Johnson

Old Man Converted After Reading Sword Over A Year Ago; Writes To Tell How Happy He Now Is

We thought our readers would be glad to know that many, many letters like the following, prove that conversions through literature are genuine. This one is just a sample. Along with this letter came two pictures. We are printing one of the pictures of Mr. Friesen's eight sons. What Mr. Friesen said on the back of the picture is printed underneath the photograph. How marvelous that all his children (eight boys and four girls) were good Christians when their father was unsaved! But praise the Lord, he has found the Saviour now and is happy in Him! Read his letter:

May 9, 1944

"John R. Rice

"Wheaton, Illinois

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Just read *Sword of the Lord* paper printed May 5, 1944. Reading about all the souls getting saved at the great meeting in Buffalo stirred my heart and my eyes to tears, especially when I read about the old man of age 85 years that came and got saved, also the lady age 70 came so as to answer her daughter's prayers. That reminds me when I got saved on March 17, 1943, reading *The Sword of the Lord* paper printed by John R. Rice on February 26, 1943. It took me more than one daughter to pray for me to get saved. Two churches and all of my family that were saved prayed for me for years. I am so glad today that I cannot express it with words or writing. I am so glad I can testify for my Saviour. I am so glad He forgave all my sins.

"All the papers I ordered from you for other people I paid for, also all books and tracts I have ordered from you I gave also to others free so they may get what I got out of a single copy of *The Sword of the Lord* papers sent to me by some boy in a government camp.

"In the Saviour's name, your brother in Christ Jesus,"
(Signed) Jacob R. Friesen
Kansas

Prayer Answered! WPB Allows Us To Use More Paper for Printing "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

The paper quota for books and pamphlets as set by the WPB limited us to the number of pounds used for books and pamphlets in

I am astounded at the way people who claim to be saved ignore these plain teachings of the Word of God, and deliberately and willfully violate them, many times even scoff at them, and still maintain that they believe the Bible as God's word. How can saved people so trifle with God! It is not a question of the Bible not being clear on the standard in this matter. It is so unmistakably that a child can understand. They deliberately ignore God's standard and set their own.

Do they not know that God has said, "If they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgressions with a rod, and their iniquity with stripes?" (Psalm 89:31, 32).

Hear the Word of God! "For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as sons; for what son is it that the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." (Heb. 12:6-8). That ought to settle the matter of worldliness, disobedience, carelessness and indifference once for all, for every child of God. It simply means that if you persist in these things, you are daring God to lay the rod on. And, I can tell you from experience that God won't take your dare.

Paul told the Corinthians that because they had persisted in certain sins and disorderly conduct, "For this cause many are weak and sickly (lost your health) among you, and many sleep (have died)." (I Cor. 11:30).

God would have killed Moses one night if he had gone further in disregarding God's command. Mo-

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1942 and the paper we are allowed to use for the year has already been assigned to particular books and pamphlets. No paper was provided for printing more of the booklet, *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* and a few weeks ago we asked you to pray about this matter. After definite prayer we wrote the War Production Board at Washington, asking for permission to use 25,000 pounds of paper to print a million additional copies of *What Must I Do To Be Saved* this year. The board replied that we would soon receive a general order that might cover our needs. Last week we received the new order which allows us to print an unlimited quantity of the booklet, *What Must I Do To Be Saved*, to be given away. Praise the Lord!

We already have orders for 25,000 copies not yet printed. Paper has been bought and another edition of nearly a half million copies will be printed as soon as possible.

Please help us pray that the printing may be quickly done. We feel that God will provide the means. Please be patient about delay. Chaplains are asking for thousands of copies.

The following helped on the printing of our literature in May:

Mrs. Maude Russell, Tex.	2.00
Mr. J. T. Saunders, Calif.	1.00
Miss Emma C. Taylor, Okla.	1.60
Mr. Frank Marcum, Va.	1.00
Mr. Merton Moyer, Penn.	4.00
Mr. C. E. Hansen, Mich.	1.00
Mrs. Donald Lange, N. D.	15.00
Mr. C. E. Van Boven, Wis.	3.00
Miss Thelma Ellis, Miss.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Evans, Fla.	5.00
Mrs. W. F. Zander, Calif.	1.00
Mrs. Maude A. Lewis, Ohio	50
Mrs. E. G. Smith, Okla.	5.00
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Pvt. L. Ray Layman, La.	25.00
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Pvt. Rufus R. Nutting, Ariz.	75
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A Friend, Ohio	5.00
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Mrs. Harry J. DeArmy, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Deadugler, S. C.	1.00
Franklin Park Baptist Church, Ill.	15.20
Mr. Dalbert L. Hoen, c/o Postmaster	10.00
Cpl. & Mrs. Harold Klandermand, Tenn.	4.00
Mr. Chas. T. Kiyon, S. D.	1.00
Mr. Ward Holloper, Ore.	45
Mrs. W. O. Burnett, Ill.	1.00
Miss Mildred Dugan, Kan.	1.00
Mrs. Clara E. Mahan, Ill.	3.00
Mrs. Bertha Wertz, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Belle Martin, Ga.	1.00
Mr. Stanley Corbin, Va.	1.15
Mr. Fred G. Copp, Honolulu	2.50
Mr. Harry J. DeArmy, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Arthur Sallee, Tex.	1.00
Mrs. Maude Sanders, Okla.	1.00
Mr. Hershel Birkes, Mo.	10.00
Mrs. Leona Daniel, Ga.	50
Mr. Harry J. Bain	1.15
Mr. C. C. Kelly, Calif.	1.00
Mrs. Ralph Pierce, Ia.	7.28
Mrs. B. P. Pequinot, Ind.	4.00
Rev. Gordon King, Ill.	2.00
Miss Sarah DeForest, Mo.	3.00
Mrs. Jno. Rochelle, Tex.	1.50
Miss Winifred M. Frye, Fla.	1.00
Mr. R. E. Beverly, Fla.	4.00
Mr. Sam A. Cooksey, Tex.	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Williams, Ga.	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Hensley, Ark.	19.00
Mrs. Charlotte Shiner, Kan.	5.00
Miss Hannah Veenker, S. D.	25
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GO AND TELL OTHERS

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tent to tent. Not a human soul. The Syrians have died. Yes, died, and left everything behind them. Food is found in abundance and they are saved.

Like hungry wolves they fall upon the stores, and fairly gorge themselves ere they give any thought to other things. Finally, when they have feasted as only the hungry can, they are suddenly conscience-stricken by the thought of the thousands within the city walls who are dying of starvation while food is within their grasp.

"Then they said one to another, we do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning night, punishment will overtake us; now, therefore, come, let us go and tell the King's household" (2 Kings vii. 9). And with hearts grateful for the good things that had come to them, they decided to let the others know. This they did and the city was saved. Hence, our theme, "Go and tell others."

Go and tell others! It is the message that Christ himself gave to his Church when he said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." It is his will for every Christian. And I believe were we here today, in the face of the millions who have never heard his name, his most urgent plea to you and to me would be this: "Go and tell others."

I would urge that we go and tell others first,

BECAUSE OF WHAT WE HAVE

These four lepers had about all they wanted for the present. They had been starving and had been given food. They had been hopeless and had been filled with new aspirations. They had been sad and discouraged; they were now glad and happy. Was it any wonder that they exclaimed, "We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace."

But brethren, what had they in comparison to what you and I have in Jesus Christ? Their salvation was physical and temporal. Ours is spiritual and eternal. They had been freed from the pangs of hunger. We have been freed from the power of sin. Think of it!—forgiveness, our hearts cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, the presence of God ever with us, joy, peace, comfort, the hope of life beyond the grave, re-union with those we loved and lost awhile, heaven with all its glories, and best of all Jesus Christ himself, our Comforter in sorrow, our Guide in the darkness, and our Strength and Hope in death. Surely, surely we have something worth giving to others! Are we going to be selfish? Would we keep it all for ourselves? Or will we do as these poor lepers did for a starving city? Will we go and tell others?

But if we should tell others because of what we have, then surely it is our duty to go and tell others.

BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY NEED

Within the walls of Samaria were literally thousands of men and women dying of hunger. So dire was the situation, so pressing the need, that mothers were cooking their own sons that they might live a little longer. Could we imagine a greater need? Food was worth its weight in gold, and it was food they needed. And the lepers, knowing it, decided to go and tell them of their deliverance.

My friends, there are men and women on every side who are perishing for the Bread of Life, and we are able to supply their need. It may be that the man who works by our side day after day does not know Jesus Christ, and we have never told him. Take, for instance, the friends with whom we associate. We ourselves have heard the "Glad Tidings" and Jesus has become our Saviour. But what of them? Have we ever told them what Jesus means to us? Have we ever tried to supply their need?

Far away in Africa, India, China,

and Japan, there are millions of precious souls for whom He died. And yet they have never heard His name. They are starving for the Good News. Their homes are often wretched hovels. They get but three or four meals a week in many cases. Famine has stalked across their lands leaving disease and death in its wake. Immorality is sanctioned by their religion, and idols are their gods. They live in constant dread of evil spirits and demons of every description. Their religions give them no hope. Life itself is a burden. Would that I could paint the need! Oh, for the brush of a Raphael or the skill of a Michel Angelo that I might picture the degradation, that I might reveal their distress! And yet we have it. Think of it, men and women, we have what they lack! Shall we go and tell them? Surely they need us! The last great command of the One whom we love and serve was "Go." And yet nineteen centuries have rolled away, and still the world is unevangelized. They perish, perish for want of light. Shall we go and tell others?

And last of all we must go and tell others.

BECAUSE THERE IS DANGER IF WE FAIL

I mean danger to ourselves. Hear the warning as we turn to our text: "If we tarry till the morning light punishment will overtake us." Ah, yes! They dare not tarry. They dare not withhold the "Glad Tidings." Some kind of punishment would surely overtake them if they did. And so without any more hesitation they went at once to tell others.

The Gospel has come to us, and through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ we are saved. But listen, we keep it at our peril. We must either go backward or forward. We cannot stand still. The secret of growth in the Christian life is activity. If we lie down and do nothing for Christ we will grow weaker and weaker, colder and colder, until at last our interest will be all gone, and we ourselves will drift from the Church back into the world where our last state will be worse than our first. One of the greatest prerequisites of the Christian life is service. We must go to work for Christ. We were not saved for what we could get out of it; we were not saved merely that we might escape hell and get to heaven. That is pure selfishness. No! No! We were saved to serve, and unless we find something to do we will die of inaction. If I do not use my muscles I will soon find that I cannot. The Hindu ascetic who holds his arm in the air for a number of weeks finds that he can never bring it down again.

There are thousands of Christians, I am sorry to say, who never speak a word for their Master. In the testimony meeting they are silent, though their tongues fly fast enough at home. They can talk to their fellow men, but somehow when it comes to speaking for God they are utterly and hopelessly dumb. They have loved ones in their own homes who do not know Christ, and yet they are afraid to say a word to them. Loud enough in most things, but silent when it comes to Christianity. God pity them! Ashamed of Christ! And some day they will find Christ ashamed of them. The fact is that they do not really believe that their friends and loved ones are lost. If they did they would never rest day or night until they were saved. How could they? Oh, why is it so? Why this selfishness?

If we have found joy in Christ, why shouldn't we tell others? If we know in our hearts that our loved ones are lost and that they will be shut out of heaven and separated from us through all eternity, tell me, why do we not ask them to accept Jesus Christ?

Unless we go and tell others we ourselves will grow cold and indifferent. Our reward will go to another, and we will suffer unutterable loss. "When thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. iii. 18). Oh, how solemn the warning, "his blood will I require at thine hand!"

"We do not well," exclaimed the lepers, "this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if

Do Not Seek An Emotional Experience

A dear woman 85 years old wrote the editor of *The Sword of the Lord* wanting an "experience" in which she could trust. Here is the editor's answer to her.

"Miss C. A. P. . . .
"Westfield, Mass.

"Dear Miss P. . . .

"I am so glad that you wrote . . . You say, 'Asking your earnest intercession for me that I might be born anew, a new creature in Christ Jesus, such a transformation that I shall be sure it is the Lord's work and I can safely trust my hope in the experience.'

"I have been seeking a long time. I try to believe but I discover no change in my nature."

"Dear sister, God does not want you to be seeking 'an experience' on which you can trust. It is not for you to say what kind of a change God must work in your life before you will believe that He has heard your prayer. The plain statement of the Word of God is this, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out' (John 6:37). If you came to Christ, He did not cast you out.

"Again the Bible says, 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved' (Rom. 10:13). If you honestly, in your heart, cried out to God for forgiveness and salvation, then he heard you and saved you, because that is what he plainly promised.

"Again, Jesus Himself said, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life' (John 3:36). If you put your trust in Jesus you have everlasting life. So say many other Scriptures: John 3:15, 16 and 18, John 5:24, John 6:47, Acts 16:31, Acts 13, 38, 39 and Acts 10:43.

"You're looking to the wrong place for assurance. You're looking inside. You hope to discern in yourself such a change that you will be satisfied with it and then you will believe what God said, after you have the proof in your own life. That is wrong. Faith is not the same thing as feeling. Faith is taking God's Word for it, that when you trusted Him, He saved you, just as the Bible plainly promises.

"When you risk a bank with your money, you do not look for some immediate feeling in the matter. When you are sick and call a doctor and risk him or trust him about that, you do not look for some immediate change in feeling. Leave your feelings alone. You go ahead and trust the Lord, believe what He said, claim His promises, and in due season, God will attend to the feelings in His own way.

"Don't you see that when you do not believe God you make Him a liar? You cannot have the assurance and joy of salvation until you quit that wicked doubting of God's Word and simply leave it to God and believe He has done what He said He would.

"I believe in a change of heart and that God really works a

we tarry till the morning light, punishment will overtake us; now, therefore, come, let us go and tell the King's household." Oh, my brethren, let us also go and tell others, even as the four lepers went. The world is dying for our message. Souls are perishing without Christ. It is for each one of us to go and tell others.

Go and tell the joy of Jesus!
Tell it out where'er you go;
Sing, oh, sing of His redemption,
Banish sorrow, pain and woe!

Go and tell the joy of Jesus!
Tell of how He bled and died;
Souls are waiting to receive Him,
Jesus Christ the Crucified.

Go and tell the joy of Jesus!
It will thrill another heart;
He is waiting now to enter,
And the light of Life impart.

Go and tell the joy of Jesus!
Let the whole, wide world behold
In your life the wondrous vision
Of a joy and peace untold.

Go and tell the joy of Jesus!
Let it echo far and wide;
All around you hearts are aching,
Hearts for whom He bled and died.

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"I BELIEVE GOD"

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ses knew that God has said that no uncircumcised man should possess any of the land of Canaan. Yet, because his Gentile wife objected to the circumcision of their two sons, he was going to take them into the land without this sign and seal of God's covenant with Israel. The Scripture says, "And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him." (Ex. 4:24). When will we learn that God means what He says? "I believe God that it shall be exactly as He has said."

How many of us have ever taken Christ seriously when He says, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple?" (Luke 14:33). Or how many have ever seriously considered the following words of His? "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26, 27). If these words of the Master mean anything, they certainly mean that our loyalty to Him is so completely to transcend our loyalty to the dearest in human relationships that it would be as love compared with hate. Did He mean what He said? In the words of those who left Him after the discourse on the bread of life: "This is a hard saying." How do we measure up in the light of it? "Lord, are there few that be saved?" (Luke 13:23).

V. THANK GOD, I BELIEVE CHRIST IS ABLE TO SAVE ALL MANNER OF SINNERS

"He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25). Sometimes we are tempted to give up certain people and refer to them as "hard cases." But, thank God, there are no hard cases for Jesus. It was as easy for Him to cast the seven devils out of Mary Magdalene and the legion of demons out of the man of Gadara as it was to cast the one evil spirit out of the little boy. One word from Him and it was done. He who could speak the word and save the dying thief is able to save all who will call upon His name. As Dwight L. Moody used to say, "He can save the devil's outcasts." In my brief ministry, I have seen Him save drunkards, murderers, and harlots. I tell you, we have the message this our sin-cursed, broken, bleeding, dying world needs. I wish I could stand on some mountain peak and shout it so that it could be heard 'round the world: "He is able to save to the uttermost."

Some years ago I was conducting a revival meeting under a brush arbor on a cattle ranch in North Texas in a big bend of Red River. One night a man came rushing up to me just before the service and said, "The worst man in this bend is out here. This man has killed three men in the past fifteen years. Nobody has ever seen him at a religious service before."

He pointed out an old man seventy-six years of age squatting beside a big oak tree about fifty yards away. That night I preached to one

change in the nature when one is saved. But it is only fair to say nobody living is a reliable judge from the outward appearance, as to when that change has taken place. And the Bible never teaches us to look for a certain experience or feeling or emotion or change, as the evidence we are saved. Rather always the Bible points us to Jesus Christ and to what He has clearly promised. Faith is believing God. Will you do that, and so comfort yourself in Him today? Depend upon Him! Put your trust in Him and leave your soul in His care. He never turned one down and He never will!

"In Jesus' dear name, yours,"
John R. Rice

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P. S. I am enclosing my booklet *What I Must Do To Be Saved*. Please read it over carefully. I am sure it will help you. Note what the pamphlet says about "feeling."

lone sinner—the old man by that tree. The next night he came again and sat by the same tree. The third night he sat on the back seat of the little brush arbor, but when I gave the invitation, he slipped out and disappeared in the dark. The next morning a little group of us had gathered in front of the brush arbor before time for the morning service. We were discussing this old man when suddenly we heard a Texas cowboy yell. Upon looking around we saw that old sinner climbing over that pasture fence. When he got on top of the fence, he took off his big Texas hat, threw it up in the air and let out another yell. Then he came across that cow pasture yelling at almost every step. When he reached us he said, "I don't know how He could do it, but He has. Jesus has saved me." Then he told us of how, when he left the service the night before, the Spirit of the Lord had laid hold on him; of how he had walked the floor and the yard and all about the place in utter misery all night long. He said, "When daylight came, I said 'I will get away from it.' So I got my cotton sack and went to the field to pick cotton. I picked enough to make a pillow out of that sack. By that time I was so miserable that I felt I would die. I made a pillow of that cotton sack and lay down between two rows of cotton and buried my face in that cotton sack and began to pray—'O Lord, the preacher said He is able to save to the uttermost all that will come to God by Him. Lord if that is so, have mercy on my poor soul.' Then the old man said, 'It just seemed like something 'busted' inside of me. I don't know how He could do it, but Jesus has saved me.' I saw that old man, 76 years old—the worst man in that bend—and his 73-year old wife buried with Christ in baptism in the waters of Red River. Two years later he died praising the Lord.

"I believe God, that it shall be exactly as He has said." Praise God for such a message to give to the world. Others can have their social gospel, but give me the old time religion!

Editor Adds Note of Invitation

Some of you who have read Dr. Hankins' splendid sermon are, no doubt, unsaved. No matter how nice and moral and upright you are, no matter if you have been confirmed or baptized, no matter if you attend church and give your money; unless you have been genuinely converted, born again by a personal trust in Christ, accepting Him as your Saviour, you are lost and in that case, you must go to Hell unless you get saved. I beg you to be saved, make it sure by personally trusting Christ to forgive you and save you today.

Do you believe God? Do you believe Christ died to save sinners? Do you believe Jesus when He said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God?" (John 3:3). Well, have you ever definitely accepted Christ as your own Saviour, depending on Him for forgiveness, a new heart, and eternal salvation? If not, won't you do so today?

If you will trust Christ, please write me and say so. Either sign this statement and mail it, or copy it, or write me in your own words that today you accept Christ as your own Saviour and let Him change your heart and save your soul. I will be so glad to write you personally a letter of instruction and help.

Evangelist John R. Rice
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Joe Henry Hankins' sermon, "I BELIEVE GOD." I realize that I had not heretofore been saved. But I believe what God says. I realize that I am a sinner and that Christ died for me. Here and now I will personally trust Jesus Christ to save me, depending on Him to change my heart and give me everlasting life. I begin this day to try to live for Him and will publicly own Him as my Saviour.

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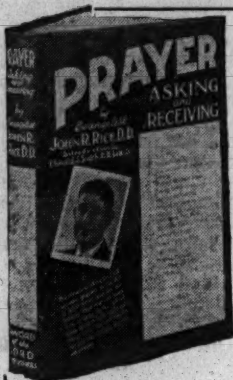
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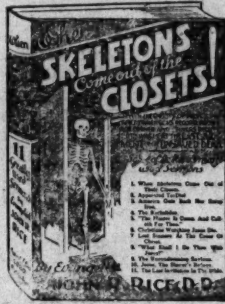
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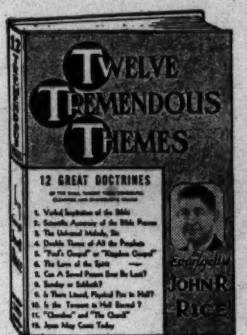
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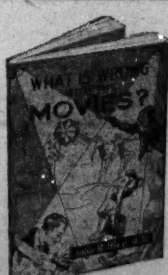
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